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Workshops To Advise Financial Aid Applicants

The time is approaching to apply for financial aid for Summer, 1974, Fall, 1974, and Spring, 1975. Between February 19 and March 1, the Student Development Department will hold workshops to help you fill out your application.

There will be two types of workshops, so you must be sure you come to the right one. If you moved from your parents' or guardians' home **before** January 1, 1973, you should come on February 19, 20, 21, or 22. If you live with your parents or guardians or if you moved out from home **after** January 1, 1973, you should come on February 25, 26, 27, 28, or March 1.

The single financial aid appli-

Annual Staff Working On Infinity, '74

Work on BCC's yearbook, *Infinity '74*, is now in progress. Linda Smith and Phyllis Seinfeld are co-editors-in-chief, with Phil Baffuto, Charles Barbanel and Jo-Ann Moser as contents, photography, and copy editors.

The yearbook is getting a late start this year since student and faculty interest seemed to be lacking first semester. A consultant to the yearbook staff, Ms. Bernice Kurchin, is now working with student editors. They expect to distribute the yearbook to graduating students in July, 1974.

The focus of the yearbook is the new campus, the students on the campus, and the activities of the 1973-74 year. More people are needed to work on *Infinity '74*, and interested students should contact Ms. Kurchin in Gould Student Center 102 or come to staff meetings on any Thursday at 4 p.m.

Students who expect to graduate in June or September, 1974, should have their photos taken on Wednesday, February 20, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. or Thursday, February 21, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. in Gould Student Center, Room 205. Senior photos will be supplied to the yearbook free of charge to the student, and students may order copies of the photo for himself at a variety of prices.

SENIOR PICTURES !!

Wednesday, Feb. 20
9 a.m. — 7 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 21
9 a.m. — 7 p.m.

Gould Student Center
Room 205

cation covers several types of financial assistance: summer jobs under the College Work Study Program, Educational Opportunity Grants, College Discovery stipends, Nursing Scholarships, Nursing Loans, National Direct Student Loans, and College Work Study jobs during the school year.

The only place you will be able to get an application will be at the workshops. So, if you think you might need money to help you pay for your college expenses, be sure to come. Deadlines will be strictly adhered to, and only applications turned in on time will be processed.

Remember, you must apply for financial aid every year. So even if you were accepted for aid this year, you must reapply. If you are planning to transfer to another CUNY college in September, fill out your application for financial aid at BCC which will process your application. Then when you are accepted at the senior college, the financial aid office will give you your completed processed application to hand deliver to your new college.

Below you will find a schedule of the times and location of the workshops which will be held either in Gould Library Auditorium (G.A.) or Schwender Auditorium (S.A.).

2/19, 20, 26, 27, 28
10:10 GA, 12:10 GA, 2:10 GA,
4:10 GA, 6:10 GA, 7:30 GA.
2/21
10:10 GA, 12:10 GA, 2:10 GA,
4:10 SA, 6:10 SA, 7:30 SA.
2/25
10:10 SA, 12:10, 2:20 SA, 4:10
SA, 6:10 SA, 7:30 SA.
2/22, 3/1
10:10 GA, 12:10, GA, 2:10 GA.

Soccer Team Tours Dominican Republic



BCC'S AMBASSADORS: The soccer team, coached by Prof. Gus Constantine, recently accepted an invitation from the University of Santiago in the Dominican Republic to play several matches there, including one against the national team. See stories on P. 8.

Students To Gain Strong Voice Under Campus Governance Plan

President James Colston has announced that within the next few weeks Bronx Community College will begin implementation of its new governance plan adopted last year by vote of both student body and faculty and approved by the Board of Higher Education.

Under the new governance plan students will have a voice and a vote in the determination of many areas of college policy. The new Bronx Community College Senate, which will be responsible for legislation of academic policy and for general direction of college goals, programs and operations, will be composed of 101 members, 33 of whom will be students.

Of these 33 student members, 18 will be elected by the student body at large, and 5 will be elected by the day student body, 5 by the evening student body, 5 by the nursing student body. Nominations and elections for the new Senate will begin shortly and officers of the student associations will assist in establishing election machinery.

Students must maintain a cumulative index of 2.00 in order to be eligible to hold office. First semester freshmen may also be elected but must maintain the required 2.00 index to continue in office.

New Committees

The new Senate will establish the following committees, all of which will consist of some student members: the Senate Executive Committee, the Committee on Nominations and Elections, the Committee on Budgets and Grants, the Committee on Governance Structures and Functions, the Committee on Space and Facilities, the Committee on Academic Standing, the Committee on Curriculum, the Committee on Instruction, the Committee on Community Projects and Special Events, the Committee on Student Activities, and others.

In addition, the new governance structure, at the discretion of each department, permits stu-

dent membership and participation in all departmental committees other than Personnel and Budget. Also a special advisory committee on personnel matters is to be established, which will consult with the College Personnel and Budget Committee regarding policies, practices and actions.

When this governance plan be-

comes fully operative, students will have an important voice and vote in almost every major area of policy making within the College. Students who are interested in participating in this new venture in participatory democracy should be alerted now to the opportunities for service provided through the new governance structure.

Vandals Hit Buildings, Causing Security Woes

Vandalism of off-campus buildings is proving to be a major problem for BCC's security staff and administration. What was NYU's fraternity row, is now BCC's security woe.

Approximately fifteen off-campus buildings, mostly building housed NYU's English Department, complete with reception facilities, and cozy reading room.

Campus Safety and Security representative Lester Adams reports that the buildings are patrolled on an hourly basis. "Men were assigned in the buildings, but since the houses are not lighted or heated, the men could not stay around the clock. This is not a staffing problem," he said.

While boarding up the buildings has helped, Mr. Adams admits that they are still broken into "from time to time." The best solution, he says, is to have the buildings occupied.

Dean Rosenfeld said the college is aware of the vandalism problem and is considering several plans involving the off-campus properties. "It's a big problem for us, and we are working on it," he said.

Thieves and vandals have hit the main campus as well. In a recent 60 day period a series of thefts from BCC offices prompted City Controller Harrison J. Goldin to order all city offices to bolt city-owned office equipment to desks and to mark such equipment with indelible identification numbers.

In Memoriam

The editors and staff of the *COMMUNICATOR* express a deep sense of loss over the death of Richard Mayer. Richie was the mastermind and chief coordinator of WBCC radio, which originates out of the Gould Student Center. He was a bright and cheerful guy who always tried to help us whenever we needed a story on the radio station. Richard Mayer will be missed.

Beginning Again

On the twenty-first day of December, Sol Winfrey and I took on the most difficult task presented to publication editors at BCC. After meeting the challenge of putting together the **Newsletter** during the Fall Semester, we decided to accept the challenge that goes along with this declining publication.

There are two concrete reasons for this sudden change of responsibility. The initial reason is simply the premise that "too many editors spoil the soup." The breakup was inevitable and it occurred over constant disagreements in editorial policy. Secondly, we felt that the **Communicator**, the school newspaper and official voice of the students, should be published by student editors, who wish to make apathy a thing of the past. When our services became available, we grabbed the opportunity to put our journalistic prowess to the test. Sol and I now accept the challenge with the hope that the **Communicator** will once again become a publication that the students will identify with.

Our editorial policy will be open and honest. We will not "call them as we see them" as the previous administrations have. The news in the paper will consist of the issues that confront us on this enormous campus. But to get all the news, the **Communicator** needs you. If you have a talent, then this is the place to expose it. Hard news, features, human interest, entertainment, sports or any other story vital to the interest of the student body will be welcomed by the editors. For instance, does anybody know the teacher who runs around Ohio Field in twenty degree weather, in his shorts nonetheless? Or what has the Student Government done for you lately? These questions and more can only be answered, if you go out and get the story. Fight apathy, get involved. Let's make this newspaper "by the students, of the students and for the students," the way it should be. **Richard Fedderman**

Parking Progress

We are happy to see the introduction of manned booths at the entrances to the two student parking lots and applaud the administration's decision to finally correct what was an outrageous ripoff of student drivers who had paid for the right to park "on campus" while attending classes.

Now that the lots on Loring Place and Hall of Fame Terrace are guarded, those who have paid for parking privileges will no longer have to compete with cars which heretofore could simply drive into the lots and park illegally in the available spaces. Also, the presence of guards should help alleviate some of the fears for personal safety of students using the lots, particularly during the evening hours.

According to our estimates, the college has now collected well over \$10,000 in parking fees from students alone! It is good to see at least some of the money find its way back to students in the form of improved services.

No discussion of the student parking situation at BCC can be complete, however, without mentioning a third lot—this one on Sedgwick Avenue—that was originally intended for student use. It is inexcusable that this valuable area should continue to be used as a campus dumping area, depriving the students of an additional 70 parking spaces.

As far back as last October, campus parking coordinator Charles Connington told the **Communicator** of plans to surface and repave this third lot, assuring us that President Colston had made the project a top priority item.

What we need behind this project is some of the positive action that got us the booths in the original two lots. The college owes it to the students who have paid in good faith for the right to park.

Sol Winfrey Jr.

Answering Critics

It has been said that Student Government does nothing for the students. It has been said that the Student Government office is a hangout for students who think they are special. It has been said that Student Government is dealing with political issues that have no bearing on campus life.

There is some truth in all of the above. However, Student Government did have a Christmas party for the children of BCC parents. Student Government did set up a book exchange to aid students in getting rid of old books and obtaining new ones. Student Government has started fund raising for sickle cell anemia and will continue to do so in the new term. Student Government is sponsoring a show ("Walk Together Children") on Malcolm X's birthday. The money raised will be sent to Africa to help fight hunger and poverty. Needless to say, Student Government members can also be found on the Cafeteria Committee, Book Store Committee, Child Care Committee, Housing Committee, and others.

Although we have attacked many issues, there are some that still remain untouched. There are also problems that we are unaware of. From this day forth, you will find the Student Government office door open from 12 to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday. At that time you can levy your gripe and each and every one will be acted upon.

It is my hope that this new open door policy will afford us the pleasure of meeting and serving you, the students.

If there is something that could be done on campus to make life here a bit more pleasant for you, please come

**Gene Smith, Treasurer
Day Student Government**

A Disheartening Look At Smoking: How To Puff Your Health Away

By Dr. J. Juechter

Reader, this is not a political editorial but rather a disheartening look at the world of cigarette smoking. In taking polls in classrooms and meetings the non-smokers have become the clear majority albeit a silent, suffering, coughing and choking one. Why don't they speak up? Most non-smokers, I suppose, don't want the fuss or embarrassment of asking smokers around them to stop.

Given the tragic statistics they ought to forget their embarrassment because this timidity could be lethal!! According to the Surgeon General's Office we double our risk of getting cancer or emphysema if we are subject to inhaling others' fumes. (If you are unfamiliar with emphysema, it is a wonderful condition brought on when various chemical components in cigarette smoke break down the tissue in the lungs, resulting in an individual's slow "drowning" death over a period of years. The damage is not reversible.)

Drug dependence on cigarettes is unusually dangerous because the immediate effects are mild but the long range effects are drastic because of the increasing damage to the body. Cigarette smokers are found to have a 30 to 80 per cent greater overall early mortality rate than non-smokers. It's easy to understand why young persons do not see the logic of giving up a "harmless" habit without proof of its polluting effects — until they've ruined a perfectly good body! By the time the doctor orders them to abstain, the damage is done.

The rational smoker often argues fatalistically that with all

the pollution about, cigarettes won't make that much difference. Not so. Smoke from a typical non-filter cigarette contains 5 billion particles per millimeter, 50,000 times as many as an equal volume of polluted urban atmosphere.

My suggestion to smokers is to follow the lead of physicians who have given them up wholesale. At the very least reduce your risks by:

1. Choosing a cigarette with less tar and nicotine.
2. Trying to throw the cigarette away at the halfway point to avoid the major concentration of tar and nicotine.
3. Taking fewer puffs.
4. Trying not to inhale.
5. Cutting down on the number of cigarettes.

This kind of talk and informa-

tion does not sit well with the tobacco or advertising industries who would like all of us to smoke. It does not sit well with most smokers as well, who do not want to look at their irresponsibility to themselves and the people who love them. Perhaps it will only serve as ammunition for non-smokers to motivate others to stop smoking. Since this is a man-made epidemic, precipitated by the invention of the cigarette making machine, it can be reversed by man.

If you are serious about the care and respect you have for yourself, remember that you lose your right **not** to smoke when a smoker lights up. If you've been disgusted by your smoking habit, the Health Educators (Gould R.H. 417) might be able to suggest some ways to help reduce or stop your smoking habit.

Taxis On Campus Now Prohibited

In the past few months the number of taxicabs that are entering the campus has increased considerably. With this increase, serious problems have evolved. It has reached the point where it is highly dangerous for many reasons to allow this practice to continue.

1) Flow of traffic at main gate during peak hours is severely impaired and the delays at the main gate are being prolonged.

2) The taxicabs do not observe traffic regulations and the danger to both cars and pedestrians has increased.

3) The taxicabs on campus also exposes the College to legal problems under certain conditions. In many cases the staff and students are not fully protected legally.

4) traffic congestion and difficulty in reaching legal parking areas has assumed serious proportions.

Starting now, all taxicabs will be stopped at the main gate and passengers will be asked to walk from the main gate to their office or classroom. This is also true of people who have taxis pick them up at the College. They will have to arrange for a place outside the main gate to be picked up.

The administration hopes the entire college community will understand and cooperate with this policy even though it may be an inconvenience to some. Anyone who will suffer a severe hardship as a result of this change in policy should contact Mr. Connington's office, Room 112, South Hall, Extension 262.

CAMPUS MAIL

Colon Letter

In response to an explanatory letter from Prof. Luis Pinto, Spanish Department, concerning the protests which surrounded his speech at BCC in December, Governor of Puerto Rico, Rafael Hernandez Colon, wrote the following letter:

Dear Professor Pinto,

Your recent communication where you expressed your gratitude and the sincere feelings of so many good fellow countrymen residing in New York on my visit to the Bronx Community College pleased me immensely.

I believe that my visit to the college was very profitable. It gave me the opportunity to get acquainted with students, faculty and administration. Besides, I am very sure that I succeeded in my purpose of making known our official policy on the role of the Puerto Rican community of the United States in the integral development of Puerto Rico.

With the testimony of my personal consideration, you all receive my affectionate greetings.

Cordially,

Rafael Hernandez Colon

The above letter was translated from Spanish by Prof. Pinto.

No Clay

To the Editors:

The easiest courses at the college last semester were Art 41: 3277 and 7263 as well as Art 42: 3278. Why was this so? There is a simple answer. Art 41 and Art 42 are courses in fundamental techniques of pottery and ceramics. In both courses, students must use clay. And that is just where the "easy" starts — with the clay.

Last Fall, the students in these courses were told that they were starting the semester with what was called an "emergency order" of clay. That supply lasted three weeks. Then we heard only stories about the orders that were due to arrive any week. And so we waited for the clay. Some students became discouraged, killing waiting class time by reading the Daily News and assorted magazines.

As an interested student I decided to do some research into the "no clay" situation. I went to speak to someone of authority—let's call him Charlie—to ask him for the real story. Just like the TV commercial, he gave me his story. He had ordered the clay, Charlie said, but instead of the clay reaching Bliss, the orders got lost between the purchasing office and the supply office. Perhaps the orders were never received.

Charlie said there was no one to blame and yet we must blame

somebody. This is my last call to Charlie. He must do something because I will get every single art student to strike if it is necessary. Why am I so excited? You see, we just started the Spring semester with another "emergency order" of clay . . . Will we once more be forced into a lack of progress because of no supplies?

I am grateful to instructors such as Ruby Harkins and Bill Leicht. They encouraged their students and tried to convey their professional spirit to those interested in the subject. But we need that clay.

J. Francisco Batista

Problem Solver

As college ombudsman, Prof. Robert L. Clarke has the ability to help students with a variety of college-related problems. If you are tied up by red tape or think you have exhausted all avenues in getting a grievance resolved, Prof. Clarke wants to see you. He can help you, whether you are a day or evening student, full-time or part-time.

Prof. Clarke is in Nichols 110, on Mondays, from noon to 2 p.m.; in Nursing 236 on Tuesdays, from 3 to 4 p.m., and on Wednesdays, from 10 to 11 a.m.; and in Nichols 110, again, on Thursdays, from 4 to 7 p.m. His office telephone number is 367-7300, extension 357.

Conference To Focus On Neighborhood Ties

The Urban Affairs Conference, the theme of which will be Neighborhood-College Participation for Action, is scheduled for Thursday, May 16, 1974, a day which falls in the middle of Bronx Week and a year which is the centennial of the Bronx, according to Dr. Cortland Auser, coordinator of the event.

The steering committee, which also includes Prof. Wallace Sankowsky of the History Department and Prof. Janet Brand of Nursing, is hopeful that Mayor Abraham D. Beame will accept their invitation to introduce the opening session of the conference. Beame is the only person to be formally invited to speak as yet, but the committee also plans to invite prominent officials in city and Bronx government as well as persons from colleges and community organizations in the Bronx. Last year, Eleanor Holmes Norton was a keynote speaker at the conference.

Three large sessions are tentatively planned for morning, afternoon and evening of May 16, with a series of group discussions and rap sessions following them for those who wish to explore issues in greater depth. Areas of interest which cannot be addressed in major sessions will be the topic of discussion in smaller groups.

Some of the topics which have been suggested for consideration in the conference are recurrent concerns of the community: nutrition, community health, senior citizens, education and culture. The committee welcomes suggestions from all members of the college community.

Dr. Auser stressed that the conference is only one part of



Dr. Cortland Auser

what should be an on-going and continuing concern with these issues. He envisions a series of seminars on urban perspectives to be held in the Student Center between now and the conference to begin debate on these issues and the formulation of action programs to be implemented after the conference. Participation of all neighborhoods of the Bronx, and particularly District 5, in which the college is located, will be actively sought by members of the committee.

The full membership of the Urban Affairs Conference Committee and its planning progress will be detailed in the next issue of the Communicator.

English Department To Offer Remedial Course Supplement

Beginning in September, 1974, the English Department will be introducing ENG 02, a non-credit course designed to supplement ENG 01, the department's current remedial class.

Introduction of the new course was urged by a large majority of the English Department and has been approved by the BCC Curriculum Committee and the Board of Higher Education.

Entering freshmen, as always, will be given an examination in English composition, and will be placed according to their scores in ENG 01, ENG 02 or the non-remedial three-credit ENG 13. According to English Department chairman Dr. Lillian Gottesman, ENG 01 will cover basic grammar. ENG 02 will deal with more advanced areas such as paragraph structure and development of the longer essay.

Students currently enrolled in ENG 01 may proceed to ENG 02 or ENG 13, depending upon their progress in ENG 01.

"The department found that for at least some students one semester of remedial work was insufficient," Dr. Gottesman said. "Although some students had

made some progress, they could not at the close of one semester achieve a level of competence for admission to ENG 13."

"The only possibility open to these students was to repeat ENG 01. The department considered it educationally sound to enable these students to move ahead even in the area of remediation."

Dr. Gottesman emphasized that the new course was not a new way of penalizing remedial students with an extra semester of non-credit course work. She explained that in most cases the students taking ENG 02 after a semester of ENG 01 would be the students who would have had to repeat ENG 01.

The Department of Special Education Services has already established a similar course system, dividing its basic remedial reading course into RDL 01 and RDL 02.

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Mayor, Governor Name Appointees To Restructured Education Board

The City University's 21-member Board of Higher Education, which has been appointed solely by the Mayor of New York City since 1926, has been replaced by a restructured eleven-member board appointed by the Mayor and the Governor.

Under a law passed by the New York State Legislature last year, the Mayor (among them the Board chairman) and the Governor appoint people to the Board of Higher Education who would retain free tuition and open admissions. In announcing his appointments the Mayor said each new member shares his commitment "to the principles of open admissions and free tuition in the City University system."

Wilson's Appointees

The three appointees of Governor Malcolm Wilson, it is assumed, reflect the traditional state position against free tuition. Governor Wilson appointed the following:

Rita Hauser, a graduate of Hunter College, who is a practicing lawyer and former United

States Representative to the United Nations Commission of Human Rights; Francesca Cantarella, a former reporter who is now vice President and Director of Public Affairs for the Chase Manhattan Bank N.A.; and Franklin H. Williams, a former Ambassador to Ghana who has also served as assistant general counsel for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Membership on the Board of Higher Education is non-salaried. The initial appointments are for staggered terms ranging from one to five years after which the term will be five years.

Efforts Fail To Move Beame On Student Voice For BHE

CUNY.

Chairman Comments

Student Senate Chairman Jay Hershenson vows that he will continue to fight for student representation. Last year, he says, students had observer status at BHE and committee meetings.

This year he would like to see the start of formal student input in the BHE committee structure.

"The important thing," Hershenson explains, "is to open up the process to students and to make the Board as visible and accessible to students as possible."

Mayor Beame had set up a nine-member screening committee to suggest Board candidates. While it is not known whether the committee considered any student candidates, sources claim that at least one and possibly two or three of those appointed by Mr. Beame were not recommended by the committee.

State Energy Group Issues School Economy Guidelines

operated by manual switches.

6. Except for emergencies, do not open windows during operation of heating system.

7. Close all drapes and/or venetian blinds when leaving the classroom at the end of the day so that they remain closed at night and over weekends.

8. When a room is not benefiting by solar gain from the sun, close all drapes and/or venetian blinds.

9. Make certain the furnishings, drapes, etc., do not obstruct flow of air into and from heating units.

10. Shut down all electric equipment when not in use.

11. Be constantly aware of the energy shortage and observant of any way, no matter how trivial, to conserve the energy supply.

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If you do, we can help you earn a little extra cash.

More information in room 722, Tech Two, at noon, daily except Tuesday.

Immediately following that meeting, senior college representatives from all branches of CUNY will be available to meet with students in the classrooms of the Student Center Annex and representatives from private colleges will be in Silver Hall Lounge.

Transfer applications and material for graduation will not be available until February 22, from the office of the Registrar in PH-26. Deadline for returning material to the Registrar will be March 1.

Students who are not candidates for a degree but wish to transfer to senior colleges for September, should come to Room 308, Loew Hall, for information and applications.

4. Turn off supplemental lighting, such as bench lights in shops and labs, when not in use.

5. Use exhaust fans in science and homemaking laboratories, shops, kitchen, etc., only when necessary. Such fans should be



CAMPUS SURVIVAL KIT



Group To Plan BCC Role

In Bicentennial Observance

FEBRUARY FEATURE FILMS

"Sweet Sweetback's Baadass Song," directed by Melvin Van Peebles, will be shown on Feb. 14.

"Johnny Got His Gun," a powerful anti-war, is scheduled for Feb. 21.

"Super Fly," Gordon Parks' fast paced adventure film is scheduled for Feb. 28.

All films will be shown on Thursdays at 12 noon and 7:30 p.m. in the Gould Student Center, Room 208. Admission is 25¢ with BCC I. D. card, or 50¢ without I. D.

PERSPECTIVES

Alex Haley, award-winning writer, will discuss his work on Friday, Feb. 15, at 8 p.m. in the Gould Library Auditorium.

The world of filmmaking will be explored by Leroy Lucas, film editor on Monday, Feb. 25, at 3 p.m.

HISTORY CLUB

CLIO, the History Club, will hold its first meeting of the Spring semester on Thursday, February 14, at 12:10 p.m. in Tech II, 405. The first order of business will be the election of new officers. The History Club welcomes all students; you do not have to be a history major to join. Since at least one history course is a requirement of all curriculums, CLIO is of interest to all students.

JEWISH STUDENT COLALITION

The Jewish Student Coalition meets Thursday from 12 to 2 p.m. in Tech Two 501. The meeting on February 14 will involve a discussion of the "October War and Aftermath" with Aaron Barta as guest speaker. On February 21, Passie Rosen of the New York Conference of Soviet Jewry will discuss a film on "Soviet Jewry." The February 28 meeting will feature a discussion and debate of "Reform and Orthodox Jewish Philosophies and Issues" led by Prof. Alvin

Debaters To Represent Guyana At Model United Nations Meet

Four members of the BCC Forensic Society and their faculty advisor visited the United Nations Headquarters on Jan. 14. At 3 p.m. that same day, all were ushered into the office of Mr. Noel Sinclair, First Secretary of the Guyana Mission to the United Nations.

What followed was a two-hour question and answer session during which Mr. Sinclair responded to a large number of penetrating questions put to him by the Society's members: "What is Guyana's position on the Mid-East conflict?", "Isn't it true that the United States provides a very large amount of aid to Guyana?" "What other countries contribute foreign aid?", "To whom would Guyana look for help if the border dispute with Venezuela led to its invasion by that country?", "How has the world-wide energy crisis affected Guyana?", and "How do you explain the fact that although they are not the largest group in Guyana, the Blacks have control of the government?"

Answers to all questions were made clearly and directly by the First Secretary. But what was BCC doing there and why was it asking such probing questions? The answer is that during the spring semester the Forensic Society will be attending two model United Nations, one at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia and another at Harvard University in Boston.

BCC Represents Guyana

The visits to the United Nations Headquarters and the Guyana Mission are two of the many ways the Society is doing its "homework" in order to participate in these model United Nations, functioning exactly as the country they will be representing which is Guyana, an English-speaking cooperative republic located in the northeast corner of the South American continent.

Five students and one faculty member comprise the Guyana delegation to the model United Nations. The president of the delegation is Edward Connolly. As president, it is his responsibility to supervise the overall performance of the delegation during the four day event.

Mr. Connolly has been well-trained and has demonstrated his ability to lead at two previous model United Nations. Last year he received a certificate acknowledging his outstanding contribution to the Harvard Model United Nations Conference of 1973. In addition, he serves on the Special Political Committee. The purpose of this committee is to discuss and to try to solve issues of a political nature such as disarmament, border disputes, armed conflicts (the Arab-Israeli War), territorial disputes and any other matter that poses a threat to world peace and security.

Local Committee Delegate

Another Forensic Society member with previous United Nations experience is Larry Johnson who will be serving on the Legal Committee. He will be concerned with issues pertaining to international law, such as the use and development of the sea and the sea bed, peaceful uses of outer space, territorial boundaries, in-

ternational trade laws, questions relating to international law on such matters as apartheid and illegal occupation of territory.

Three members of the Forensic Society will be participating in a model United Nations for the first time: Sharon Effatt, Bernadette Phillips, and Sharon Grey.

Miss Effatt is serving on the Committee of 24 and will be considering the following issues: decolonization, international terrorism, apartheid in South Africa, imposition of economic sanctions and the prevention of armed conflict.

Miss Phillips is serving on the Political and Security Committee, which considers all issues vital to the personal security and safety of international diplomats and heads of state. Miss Phillips will also be concerned with terrorism, skyjacking and any other matter pertaining to the security of international personnel.

Miss Grey is serving on the Economic and Social Committee which considers the welfare of the people of the world in such issues as the uses of natural resources, Palestinian refugees, world trade, pollution, and the international money crisis.

Professor George H. Greenfield, Communication Arts and Sciences, will be attending the model United Nations as the faculty adviser to the Forensic Society.

The students and the faculty advisor express the views of Guyana and act according to the principles of Guyanese foreign policy in the special committees and also in the General Assembly sessions.

Forensic Society's Activities

Each academic year the Forensic Society participates in approximately ten tournaments throughout the northeastern United States and in Montreal, Quebec. The season begins early in the fall with workshops held in Brooklyn or Syracuse or another upstate city which is centrally located so that colleges and universities from a wide area can attend. After the workshops there are debate tournaments, model student legislatures or individual events tournaments almost every weekend.

The United Nations events are traditionally held in February and March. Also in February is the McGill University Winter Carnival Debate Tournament in Montreal. The Forensic Society attends as many of the events as its members are prepared to participate in.

In recent semesters the members have shown less interest in regular debating and have been attending more events such as the model United Nations and the model legislatures where students have the opportunity to function as members of the state legislature and prepare and present laws which are debated and voted upon.

The individual events tournaments are also becoming more popular among the members of the Society. These consist of oral interpretation of poetry and prose, extemporaneous and impromptu speaking, after-dinner speaking, original oratory, public address reading, and oral interpretation of the Scriptures. Tro-

phies are awarded to the top three contestants in each event and BCC has won its share of them.

Membership in the Society is open to all students of the college, public or private, to be so pleased to extend a welcome to new members. Meetings are held in Tech Two Room 405 on Thursdays from 12:30-2:00 p.m. starting February 21 this semester.

All that is required of prospective members is a desire to meet new people and a willingness to work with them in preparation for traveling to various tournaments in several states. No previous experience is necessary. The Society trains its members and also pays for transportation, food, and lodging at the tournaments. The members of the Society are known for their warmth and friendliness. New members are always made to feel comfortably at home in a very short time.

Lieberman Honored By National Bible Group

Dr. Leo Lieberman of the English Department has been honored by the Laymen's National Bible Committee "for excellence in teaching the Bible-as-Literature through the skillful blending of entertainment and information, thus commanding the interest and attention of students."

Dr. Lieberman is the first Bible teacher at the college level, public or private, to be so honored by the Laymen's National Bible Committee, an interfaith group that has sponsored National Bible Week since 1940.

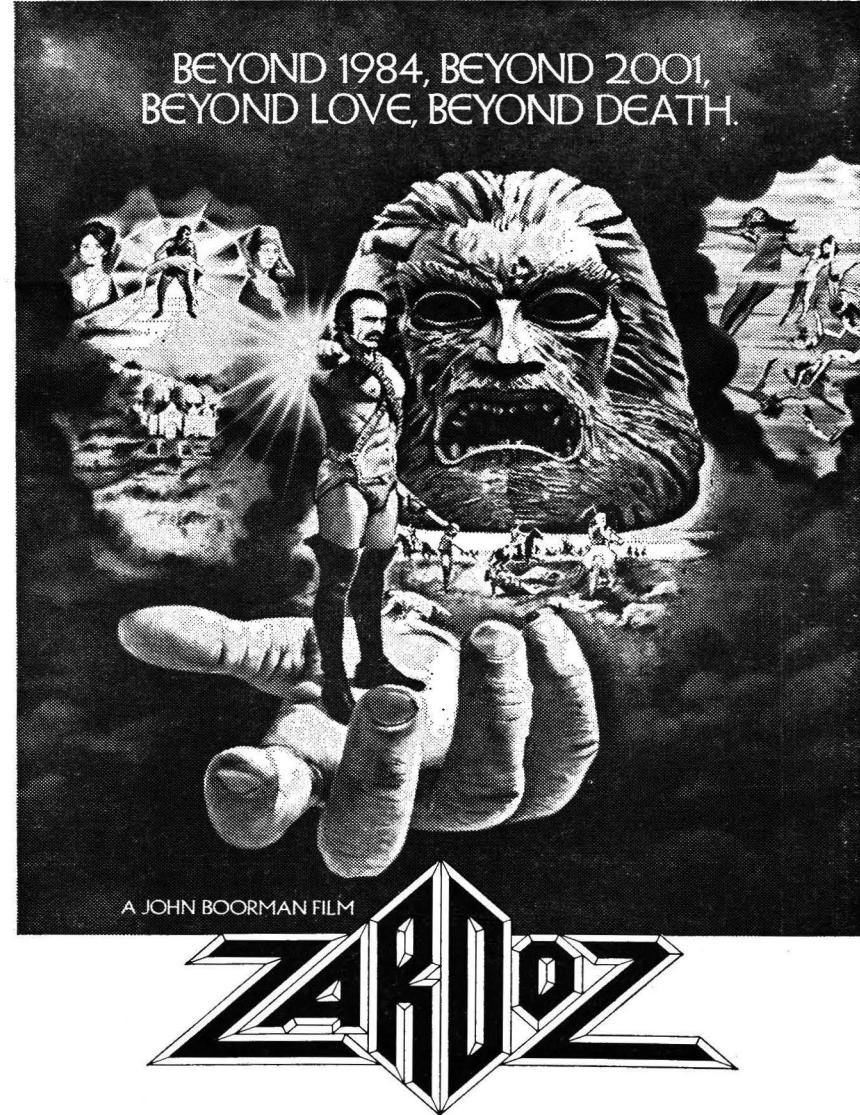
His course of "The Bible as Literature" has attracted many students through the years and has gained national attention. A *New York Times Magazine* article cited Dr. Lieberman as an outstanding example of teachers who are able to relate well to students and make course material exciting and interesting. "Working in crowded classroom ... Dr. Lieberman can make an Old Testament patriarch seem as familiar to his students as the man who runs the corner candy store," the article stated.

The English Department in-

troduced the Bible course last year. "At first, we thought we might have a problem getting students to register for the course," Dr. Lieberman said, "but the class has been filled to capacity since it was offered."

According to Dr. Lieberman, the course attracts a cross section of the student population. The class learns to examine the Old and New Testaments as a portrait of the times, in terms of poetry and imagery, and to compare the Bible to other writing, both ancient and modern.

Dr. Lieberman, a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of The City College of New York, earned his Ph.D. in English from Fordham University. His dissertation was on "Old English and Hebrew Literature."



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Sunny Days of Stickball on the Streets Are Recollected

By CHARLES VASSER

Have you ever missed the good old days? Not just the roaring 20's or the mellow 50's, but the days of hide-and-go-seek, stickball, or an impromptu game of tag?

When you were nine, the world was a cotton candy cloud with school giving you the only toothache, and most of the time school was a ball. For me, growing up in New York was a special treat. I was just like a mouse living in a cheese factory.

I liked the hot summers with their steaming city streets most of all. Just being in New York and playing in them had a fascination all its own. I would sashay out right after devouring a bowl of cornflakes, and my grandmother would remind me to stay out of the streets, but I would go there anyway.

I wasn't alone long, for soon everyone was out. We all sat on someone's stoop, watched cars go by, and waited for the first stickball game of the day. That

first game was just a warm-up, but we kids enjoyed it. First base was a fire hydrant on the right side of the street (if a car wasn't illegally parked there), second was the old tree (maple, I think; it was the only one of the block); third base, a car, color optional, on the left side of the street; and home was a man-hole cover at the top of the hill.

The second or third games really separated the girls from the boys. The sides were chosen with the utmost care, with everyone jockeying to be picked by the best players. There was always one person who was reluctantly selected; often he was the odd man and was just used to even out the sides.

The equipment consisted of a Spaulding costing 25 cents (the fellas chipped in for it) and an assortment of mop and broom handles. I used to get beaten quite often for cutting up the broom.

There is one game, however,

that I will never forget. It was a particularly hot July afternoon. The sun had just begun to dip past the 2 o'clock mark. The second game had just ended, and that third eventful game was about to start. The game was unusually lowscoring due to the brilliant defensive play of both teams. It had drawn spectators from all over the block, and even Billy's mother allowed him to play in the street for this game.

It had gone to the bottom of the ninth with the team at bat down one run. Their mighty hitter "flied" out. Then Billy struck out. (His mother made him stay out of the street after that). Two outs and the odd man came to bat. As he lifted his stick, perspiration beaded on his head, and his knees trembled. He could feel a pain grip his insides and pull his guts, but he refused to buckle.

He stepped up to the plate with a stern look of determination. The team at bat fell into

silence, while the team in the field whooped with excitement at the impending victory. Strike one blazed across the plate, and strike two went by untouched. Then, shades of might Casey, the odd man had struck out.

I was the odd man in those days, long ago, but not forgotten. But being the loser sometimes is part of growing up in the streets of New York City.

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Financial Aid Hotline

The following is further information about the New York Higher Education Assistance Corporation Guaranteed Student Loan which was described in the December 13, 1973 issue of the Communicator.

What Are Federal Interest Benefits?

A NYHEAC loan is different than a regular bank loan because students who are found to have financial need can get federal interest benefits. This means that as long as they attend any college at least half-time (usually 6 credits or more) the interest on the NYHEAC loan will be paid for them by the federal government. The student will not be charged for any interest until he or she has stopped attending school.

Not all students can qualify for federal interest benefits. Whether or not you qualify is determined by analyzing your financial situation according to the same need analysis system as most other financial aid programs.

What Is the Interest Rate?

The NYHEAC loan interest rate is 7% simple interest. If you qualify for federal interest benefits your interest will not begin to accumulate until you stop attending college.

In addition to the interest charge, there is a processing fee of 1/2% which is subtracted from your loan before you receive your check. For example, if you were eligible for a \$1,000 loan, the bank would deduct \$5 (1/2% of \$1,000) for a processing fee and your loan check would be for only \$995.

When Do I Have to Repay the Loan?

You become legally responsible for repaying your loan 9 months after you stop attending college. This 9 month time lag is called the "grace period." It is meant to give you a chance to get a job and get on your feet financially before the loan bills start coming.

If you want to pay part or all of your loan back before the 9 month grace period is up, you can do so without being charged any interest. This is an incentive for you to repay your loan as quickly as possible.

One of the first things you should do when you finish (or leave) college is to notify your NYHEAC loan bank. They will set up an interview with you where they will explain your repayment responsibilities and you will select the repayment plan that best suits your situation.

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What If I Can't Pay My Loan Back?

If there is some reason why you can't pay your NYHEAC bill, contact your NYHEAC bank immediately to talk things over. If you ignore the bill or don't contact the bank when it's time to repay, your credit rating will be damaged. This is a permanent scar on your credit rating, and should be avoided. Don't wait for the bank to call you. If there is a problem with your loan repayment, call them! (And don't forget to give them your new address each time you move!).

All banks will postpone your NYHEAC bills while you are in the military, VISTA, or the Peace Corps. Your interest during these periods will be paid by the federal government, the same as when you were in school.

What Makes This Loan Any Better Than Another Bank Loan?

A NYHEAC loan is special for several reasons. You do not need to put up any collateral to get a NYHEAC loan. You may apply for a NYHEAC loan even if you are under 21. You can get money now, when you need it for college, and pay it back later, when you have a job. Finally, if you have "financial need" and are eligible for federal interest benefits, you can have a NYHEAC interest-free for as long as you are at least a half-time college student.

Student Gov't Organizes Book Exchange

By GENE SMITH

Well, you have struggled through another semester, carrying those now to be discarded, dusty, unopened textbooks. We (Day Student Government) have devised a method of ridding you of them. It is called the Text Book Exchange.

The Text Book Exchange is in the rear of the Gould Student Cafeteria, where an area is allocated for each department.

The procedure is a simple one. Let us assume that you have a Math Book that will be used at BCC for next term. All you have to do is sit in the area allocated for the Math Department. You have the option of selling the book or trading it for one you may need. If you desire to obtain a book, an English book, for example, go to the English section and ask for it.

This exchange was set up to aid all students in obtaining textbooks at a minimum cost, so we need everyone's cooperation.

The exchange will run until the end of the second week of the Spring term, or Feb. 15.

To find out which books will be used, come to the Gold Student Center, Room 301, or Tech II, Room 418, or to the particular department.

Let us start the Spring semester with an advantage—text-in-hand. Also, keep in mind that if you were unsuccessful in buying or selling a book during the first days, you can always come back.

History Tutoring

The History Department offers a tutorial program to students who need help with work covered in any history course. Students who are interested in taking advantage of this free service are asked to contact Prof. Diallo in room 416, Tech Two, or the office of the History Department.

Outlook Appears Good For Academic Budget

City University budget watchers, who usually begin mobilizing this time of year against the University's seemingly inevitable annual budget crisis, are finding this time of year different from the customary winter of their discontent.

Observers note that the CUNY fiscal situation, though not perfect, looks good for the 1974-75 academic year. In fact, it's been a long time since things looked this good this early.

In November, 1973, Chancellor Robert J. Kibbee requested a \$628 million budget for 1974-75. Former Mayor John V. Lindsay, prior to leaving office, approved a \$605 million level of expenditure.

Despite the fact that the Mayor's figure is \$23 million less than requested, Frank Schultz, vice-chancellor for budget and planning, has assured the CUNY community that the \$605 million figure represents full funding of all mandatory increases and provides half funding for other portions of the request such as innovative programs and more full-time faculty appointments.

Governor's Turn

The budget request then went to Governor Malcolm Wilson for inclusion in the State budget. And Chancellor Kibbee is reportedly "delighted" with the State Executive Budget proposed by the Governor.

The governor's proposed budget provides full state funding of the mayor's certified budget for the ten CUNY senior colleges for the 1974-75 fiscal year," Chancellor Kibbee said. "It thereby permits the university to concentrate its academic efforts on those problem areas of open admissions that were never resolved due to a lack of funds in the past."

Trouble Spot

The Chancellor, however, is less enthusiastic over the state's funding formula for community colleges.

"Along with the State Univer-

sity's community colleges, City University's eight community colleges continue to confront a terrible restrictive funding formula that has reduced state aid over the last three years," Dr. Kibbee explained. "While state law specifies 40 per cent in state aid for community colleges with full opportunity programs, the formula has reduced state aid substantially below that level. Now, unless the formula is revised, it may drop state aid at CUNY to a level of 33 per cent for 1974-75, a reduction of \$11.1 million from the mayor's certified level of support for our community colleges. Such a reduction will have a severe impact on the university."

Noting that reforms in this area are being studied, the Chancellor added: "If the spirit of cooperation evidenced by the overall budget picture is any indication, I believe that satisfactory solutions will be found."

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Broncos Surrender 12 Despite Good Beginning

By PHIL BAFFUTO

After a successful preseson and an opening 4 victories, the 1973-74 basketball season has turned into a nightmare for Coach John Whelan and the BCC players. The team has now lost 12 games in a row, some of which they could have won.

What makes for a successful season? It's wins and losses, personal satisfaction, or development of the personnel. Too often its wins and losses which don't reflect the amount of desire and drive exhibited by the players. Wins and losses also never take into account the fact that the team may have played some really good games which they lost.

Some of the bright spots of the season are: the development of 5 ft. 4 inch Paul Turner into a 20 points a game scorer; the development of Co-Captain Charles Vasser into the team's leading rebounder; the foul shooting of Ronnie Stockholm, one of the leading foul shooters in the nation who is also the team's best defensive player; and the return of last year's M.V.P. Brian Williams.

One reason Bronx is losing is that they don't have great team ability; they are missing an in-

Yoga Classes Relax Students

Autumn, 1973 marked the beginning of the informal yoga class at Bronx Community College. Each week students practice the hatha yoga positions. They are encouraged to take a few minutes each day to practice in quiet at home as well.

Hatha yoga is the branch of yoga which is concerned with the body. This includes performing the positions or postures while standing, sitting and lying down. Many of the students have advanced to incorporate the shoulder stand in their series of postures.

Hatha yoga also encompasses breathing exercises and deep relaxation experiences. The students in attendance have really benefited from learning different ways to relax. Some have commented that "I wish I could stay peaceful like that for a long, long time," and "that's really great."

Sometimes the activities are accompanied by music such as Ravi Shankar and George Harrison. During one recent class the students tasted fruit soup, a lovely dessert combination of yogurt, fruits, nuts, honey and cinnamon.

Joyce Bloom, the faculty advisor of the informal yoga class, invites students, faculty and staff to come to the Stevenson Lounge from 4-5 P.M. on Wednesdays to unwind and to enjoy a calming kind of movement.

Mrs. Bloom thinks that elementary yoga exercise is particularly well suited to modern student needs: "Yoga is a wonderful physical activity to show people various methods of handling tension in a high pressure world. Yoga also helps to develop personal discipline while becoming more aware of one's own body. I am grateful for the opportunity to work with students in this area of physical education."

Intimidating big man and a consistent high scoring forward or guard. Bronx has also lost its entire starting five through players' ineligibility, quitting, or simply leaving the team for disciplinary reasons, which has completely disrupted the flow of team play. There have also been some difficulties that really do not reflect on the team at all, i.e., the lack of practice facilities. Bronx does have a gym, but it must be shared with two other teams and they don't get the practice time it takes to develop the squad into a cohesive unit.

The team hasn't gotten much satisfaction out of the past season but the players deserve a lot of credit for never calling it quits and taking the easy way out.



Charles Vasser, Co-Captain of the basketball team, demonstrates his shooting style.

Cheerleading

Denise Cooke has been chosen as the 1973-74 Captain of the Cheerleaders. She has been working particularly hard to encourage unity and cooperation among the girls of the squad while pursuing a major in Nursing. Denise loves sports such as swimming, basketball. She also sews and cooks.

Lynbeth Thomas was named Co-captain. She is a liberal arts major who likes music, football, basketball, cooking and sewing.

BCC Soccer Team Wins 2 of 3 Games In Successful Tour of Dominican Republic

By PHIL BAFFUTO

Enthusiastic crowds, warm sunshine, and a winning record combined to make the BCC soccer team's recent trip to the Dominican Republic a glowing success. "It had all the ingredients of a national championship," said coach Gus Constantine who together with Coordinator of Athletics Frank Wong accompanied the 16-member team.

The visit took place Dec. 26-31 at the invitation on Luis Midence, Athletic Director of the University of Santiago. In a series of exciting matches the Bronx beat Pedro Urena University 5-3, and defeated National University 3-1, losing only to the University of Santiago, reigning national champions. BCC captain Carl Babb, twice an All Metropolitan Conference selection, led in scoring with five goals.

The Bronx stayed in the Olympic Village that will house athletes competing in the twelfth annual Pan-American Games in Santo Domingo this month. Newspapers devoted considerable

space to the "futbolistas del Bronx." They were impressed not only with the group's skill, but marveled at the team spirit shown by players coming from so many different national backgrounds. Because the BCC team includes students from 9 countries, they were a first thought to be a specially selected all-star team.

Team member Victor Camilo who is a native of the Dominican Republic was interviewed with coach Constantine on a Santiago radio show. They discussed soccer, the students, and life at BCC.

The group thoroughly enjoyed their VIP treatment and looks forward to possible future invitations.

Broncettes Boast 8-2 Record; Head For State Championship

By PHIL BAFFUTO

After an opening season loss to Manhattan Community College, the women's basketball team, coached by Michelle Stern, had won eight games in a row before losing to a tough Queensborough Community College squad by six points.

The Broncettes are well on their way to a second state championship, and their only real competition should come from Queensborough. Bronx already beat Queensborough earlier in the season on Bronx's home court, and they won't play again until the state tournament which is also on the Broncettes' home court.

The quarterback of the team is last year's back court ace and M.V.P. Joyce Garcia. Her partner in the back court is high scoring Donna Caputo who can do it all. The front line of the Broncettes is led by rookie Carmen Fletcher, who is the team's leading rebounder and who can and has scored at will inside on almost every opponent this year.

The forwards on Bronx's team provide an excellent blend of scoring and defense. The better scorer of the two is Cathy Moriarity, who when she is playing

well will hit from anywhere. The other forward, Jo Ann Burns, is not an outstanding shooter, but she plays tough defense and can rebound.

No team can win with just five players. All great teams have always been known to have a good bench, and Bronx is no exception. The second six of Jo-Anne Biondi, Waynette James, Inell Robertson, Connie Smith, Regina Thompson, and Charlotte Dalton could probably defeat every team the Broncettes have faced, with the possible exception of Queensborough and Suffolk Community Colleges.

The one thing that could cause Bronx to lose the State championship is overconfidence. As long as they realize that they could be beaten and that they have to give 100 per cent to win, Bronx should be the 1974 State Champion in Women's Basketball.

SPORTS SHORTS

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The New York State Women's Basketball tournament is being hosted by Bronx Community College. It will be held on Friday, February 22, at 5 p.m. and Saturday, February 23, at 12:30 p.m. BCC is the defending champion and Ms. Michelle Stern, Health and Physical Education Department, is tournament director.

VARSITY TRYOUTS

All students wishing to try out for the newly organized Men and Women's Varsity Tennis team should see Prof. Frank Wong or Ms. Michele Stern in Alumni Gym.

Baseball tryouts will be held February 16 from 11 to 1 p.m. and February 18 from 10 to 1 p.m. in Alumni Gymnasium. All candidates must bring a medical form, grade report, shorts, sneakers, and glove.

The varsity Track and Field team is now practicing. See Prof. Hank Skinner in Alumni Gymnasium.

INTRAMURAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Five-man full court basketball tournament begins Feb. 23. All teams interested must enter by Feb. 21.

Co-ed Volleyball tourney is starting Feb. 21 at 12:00 p.m. All teams must include at least 3 women. All games will be played Thursdays 12-2 p.m. Entry deadline is Feb. 13.

Intramural Karate Tournament will be held on Feb. 21 at 12:00 p.m. Open to all BCC students. Men and women may participate I Black, II Brown, III Green, and IV White and Yellow. Kata and Fight.

All teams and individuals who wish to participate in the above Intramural activities should see Prof. Duval in Alumni Gym, Room 300.

SPORTS CLUBS

The Scuba Club will meet in February 21 at 12:30 p.m. at the Alumni Gym Pool Balcony. See Prof. Mitchell Wenzel for information.

The Martial Arts and Karate

This can best describe Bronx Community College's Soccer victories in the Dominican Republic; it wasn't the national championships but all ingredients were there.

The 16 player team to the Dominican Republic was led by Prof. Gus Constantine and Coordinator of Athletics, Prof. Frank Wong. After losing to the University of Santiago 3-1, which had 6 starting players that played for the Dominican Republic National team, they went on to defeat Pedro Urena University 5-3 and National University 3-1.

Large crowds, tremendous newspaper publicity and radio interviews highlighted the six-day trip. Another highlight was the Bronx stay in the Olympic Village which will house the athletes who will be competing in the XII Annual Caribbean Games. Coaches and officials from many Latin American countries commented on the power, strength and discipline of the Bronxos. They thought that the team was an all-star selection due to the nine nationalities that represented it.

Even though Bronx had a winning record, that is not the facet of the trip that should be emphasized. The educational experience gained by the student athletes by just being able to visit a foreign country and experience the hospitality of its people is invaluable. The team did an admirable job of representing the College and even United States since it was the first American college team to travel to the Dominican Republic.

WOMEN'S ACTIVITIES

The Women's Tennis Team will meet on Thursday, February 28, at 12:15 p.m. in Alumni Gym. Ms. Michele Stern is coach.

The Women's Softball Team, coached by Ms. Donna Murphy, will meet on Thursday, February 28, at 4 p.m. in Alumni Gym.

Club will hold its first meeting on Thursday, February 14, at 12 noon in Alumni Gym. See Prof. Hank Skinner.

CO-ED ACTIVITIES

The Health, Physical Education and Recreation Majors Club will meet on Thursday, February 14, at 12:30 p.m. in Alumni Gym.

The informal Yoga Class will be held on Thursday from 12:10 to 1:00 p.m. in the Stevenson Lounge beginning February 21. Yoga is an excellent system for getting in touch with your body as well as for getting in touch with the energy available to you.

The first meeting of the Synchronized Swimming Club was held on February 11. Interested students should see Prof. Jane Katz.

The Modern Dance Club, advised by Charlotte Honda, will meet on Tuesday, February 19, at 6 p.m. in Stevenson Hall.

The Bowling Club will meet on Tuesday, February 19, at 4 p.m. in Alumni Gym and at 6 p.m. at the Nursing Center Gym. See Ms. Donna Murphy for information.